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EID-National: New Duke study confirms that developing natural gas from shale's water efficient (1/23)

EID-Marcellus: FrackNation an absolute must-see for supporters of responsible development (1/23)

## NATIONAL

Chesapeake to host EPA for HF study work. Wall Street Journal. The EPA declined to identify the location of the Chesapeake drilling site. The agency had said in December it had planned to do testing at a Chesapeake project in Louisiana's DeSoto Parish, but scheduling conflicts forced it to abandon those plans. "We're confident in the science and the facts, and that [the EPA] will reach the same conclusions as everyone else," said Matt Pitzarella, a spokesman for Fort Worth, Texas-based Range Resources.

China's Bid for Shale-Gas Riches in Doubt. Wall Street Journal. China wants to shift its energy mix to natural gas from coal so that by 2020, 10% of total energy consumption is from gas. That compares with about 4% in 2010, according to Jefferies.

Yoko Ono and Sean Lennon Say Let It Be. Bloomberg. Sean Ono Lennon, the musician and son of John Lennon and Yoko Ono, was holding a mic, but he wasn't singing. He was addressing about 30 passengers from the front of a bus driving through wooded, snow-dusted northeastern Pennsylvania. Josh Fox, director of the 2010 documentary Gasland, sat in the front row, looking up at Lennon from under his signature New York Yankees cap. Ono was four rows back, her gray fedora tilted starboard.

Obama's climate volley sets industry's focus on EPA. E&E News (sub req'd). The Independent Petroleum Association of America has come out more firmly in opposition of EPA efforts to regulate oil and gas site emissions. "Regulatory actions that can fundamentally influence the ability of independent producers to develop America's natural gas should not be driven by court agreement, they should be driven by science and cost-effective technology," IPAA said in comments it submitted to EPA.

Celebrities visit Dimock. Times-Shamrock. Rachel Colley of Energy in Depth said, "It's worth noting there were no regulatory officials or actual experts on the bus." She added, "These 'celebrities' and celeb-wannabe types are used to living in the make-believe world full of money, homes and cars where they are stripped of any responsibility or care in the real world, unlike the folks from Dimock whose lives have been materially improved as a result of natural gas development." "The reality," Colley said, "is that natural gas is being produced safely and has provided significant benefits to rural economies throughout Pennsylvania."

The American Comeback Kid. New Europe. Perhaps the most startling projection is that the US will become an energy exporter by 2020, and will become energy self-sufficient 15 years later, owing to the plentiful supply of inexpensive shale gas and the discovery of massive oil reserves everywhere from North Dakota to the Gulf of Mexico.

Shimkus eyes HF as top priority for subpanel. E&E News (sub req'd). The returning chairman of a key energy subcommittee says one of his first orders of business will be to invite state officials in to hear how they are regulating hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas.

Odd Couple: Dow Chemical and Ed Markey. Forbes. Is Senate hopeful Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) abandoning key support for greenhouse gas reductions as political payback to Dow? Is he anti-shale gas regardless of its economic and environmental benefits?

IHS report focuses on impact of unconventional. Oil & Gas Financial Journal. The unconventional oil and gas revolution has dramatically changed the global energy landscape, and, in its wake, is altering the world's competitive manufacturing and industrial panorama, according to a new report from IHS, a source of global information and analytics.

'Promised Land': Bad Movie, Bad Science. Four Growth, Review. In recent months reports have been forthcoming from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and even the New York State Health Department concluding that hydraulic fracturing does not contaminate ground water.

## FRACKNATION

'Frack Nation' opens nationwide. Washington Times. "A lot of people watched 'Gasland' and took it as the truth," said Ms. McIlhenny, who made the movie with her husband, journalist Phelim McAleer. "People need to tell the truth, but right now all we have is lies. We must use rigorous science when examining fracking."

'Frack Nation' pushes back against anti-HF hysteria. Daily Caller. The documentary serves as a fact-check to the sensational claims made in the 2010 anti-fracking film Gasland, which was directed by an environmentalist documentarian named Josh Fox. In a famous scene from Gasland, Fox shows residents lighting their tap water on fire and claims fracking is the culprit.

FrackNation: A Documentary That Needs Greater Exposure. Heartland, Review. The United States is so wrapped up in different crises — fiscal cliff, gun control, national debt, etc. — that important issues get lost. One important lost issue is displayed by the documentary FrackNation, which was shown on AXS TV 9 p.m. January 22. This is a documentary exposing the propaganda efforts to stop use of hydraulic fracturing, fracking, for oil and natural gas production.

Ohio Liberty groups supporting 'FrackNation' film. Akron Beacon Journal. The Ohio Liberty Coalition announce this morning that over 50 Liberty Groups in Ohio are planning to provide public showings of the new independent documentary film "FrackNation" which premiered on the ASX national cable channel last night.

## INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine, Shell to Sign \$10 Billion Shale Gas Deal. Fox Business. The \$10-billion production sharing agreement will be signed at the World Economic Forum in Davos by Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and Shell Chief Executive Peter Voser, officials said.

UK Explorer Shows French HF Ban Stalls Conventional Oil. Bloomberg. Celtique Energie Ltd. is among oil and gas explorers suffering months of delays in getting permits in France as a ban on unconventional shale-fuel technology has led to a logjam even for traditional operations.

Shale gas 'a game changer'. BBC News. The chief executive of the Middle East's oldest private oil and gas company says that shale gas is "a game changer".

## CALIFORNIA

Leader of the frack. Sacramento News & Review. We want fracking regs, but these regs aren't ready for prime time," said Bill Allayaud, a spokesman for the Environmental Working Group.

California draft regulations on hydraulic fracturing. Lexology. On Tuesday, December 19, California's Department of Conservation released a "discussion draft" of proposed regulations for hydraulic fracturing, now often referred to as "fracking." HF, the practice of injecting high-pressure chemical solutions into oil- and gas-producing geologic zones to fracture the rock formations and release the oil and gas into a well, has been used in California for decades with little attention or problems.

## COLORADO

New Drilling Rules Could Hurt Agriculture. KREX TV. A setback is the distance between a residential structure or a business and the actual drilling rig," explained David Ludlam with the West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association. Currently, no drilling can occur within 150 feet of a structure in rural areas or 350 feet in urban areas. That distance has been extended to a uniform 500 feet statewide.

Proposed ban on HF called 'illegal'. Denver Business Journal. "A ban on hydraulic fracturing, there's a clear legal precedent that this is illegal," Doug Flanders, director of policy and external affairs for the association, told the newspaper. "This will be shown in court that this is not an appropriate measure to move forward on."

Fort Collins mulls putting permanent HF ban. Aspen Business Journal. The Hudson River Coalition is sponsoring a free screening of the anti-fracking concert protest film "Dear Governor Cuomo" featuring actor Mark Ruffalo at the Dobbs Ferry American Legion Hall on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.

## NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina fracking study group tackles disclosure. Associated Press. Interest groups hashing out North Carolina's fracking regulations started work Tuesday by tackling rules on what the public will be told about chemical additives pumped underground and how broad trade secrecy exceptions will be allowed.

## NORTHEAST

Unconventional wells more efficient with wastewater, but there's still lots of it. E&E News (sub req'd). "We found that on average, shale gas wells produced about 10 times the amount of wastewater as conventional wells, but they also produced about 30 times more natural gas," Brian Lutz, assistant professor of biogeochemistry at Kent State University and co-author of the study, said in a statement. "That surprised us, given the popular perception that hydraulic fracturing creates disproportionate amounts of wastewater."

Shale gas inspires optimism. Daily Mail. West Virginians are optimistic about the potential impact the natural gas-rich Marcellus and Utica shales will have on their economy, according to a poll conducted for Huntington Banks.

Marcellus Gas Output Only Going Higher, Says Analyst. NGL's Shale Daily (sub req'd). Raymond James & Associates Inc. on Tuesday revised upward its 2013 U.S. natural gas production forecast to average about 66.8 Bcf/d, up 1.3 Bcf/d from a previous forecast, mostly because Marcellus Shale output has not declined, while associated gas from oil drilling is only adding to the surplus.

Ohio study warns of Pennsylvania wastewater. Pittsburgh Post Gazette. The volume of drilling wastes from Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale is growing and threatening to overwhelm existing waste-handling infrastructure in Ohio and other states, according to a study released Tuesday.

Montgomery County lawmakers to introduce anti-HF bill. Washington Business Journal. Two Democratic lawmakers from Montgomery County plan to introduce legislation in the General Assembly this session that would ban the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," in Maryland.

## OHIO

Gulfport sees high liquids yields at Ohio Utica Shale wells. Oil & Gas Journal. The Clay 1-4H in Harrison County tested at an average sustained 12-hr rate of 747 b/d of condensate, 5.9 MMcfd of gas, and 761 b/d of natural gas liquids assuming full ethane recovery and a natural gas shrink of 27%, or a combined 2,226 b/d of oil equivalent.

Shale development is already lifting Youngstown area, lawmaker tells colleagues. Columbus Business First. State Rep. Sean O'Brien had some numbers to share Wednesday with his fellow legislators about what the Utica shale play has meant for his district in the Youngstown area.

Oil and gas lobbyists push support for increased drilling in Ohio. Columbus Dispatch. Investments in oil and natural gas are refueling Ohio's economy," said Robert Eshenbaugh, legislative director of the Ohio Petroleum Council, which sponsored the lunch with the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and the Ohio Shale Coalition. "The legislature should build on recent success by allowing greater development of Ohio's vast natural gas reserves."

Rail transportation possible for water in gas HF. Steubenville Herald Star. Watching fleets of tanker trucks transporting water for natural gas fracking throughout the area on a daily basis, Ed Gorczyca believes drillers could move some of this water by rail.

Natural gas, oil businesses hold Ohio lobby day. Akron Beacon Journal. Workers, employers and lobbyists for Ohio's growing oil and gas industry have made a showing at the Statehouse to tout the industry's economic benefits.

Texas Company Brings Frack Sand to Columbiana. Business Journal. Two tanker trucks arrive at the Buckeye Transfer Realty property for their haul: some 23 tons each of white frac sand, or proppants, used for hydraulic fracturing. After just 15 minutes, the first truck is already en route to deliver its load to a nearby well in the Utica Shale.

Oil industry lobbies legislature. Canton Repository. Thomas E. Stewart, OOGA's executive vice president and board chairman, said the event was an attempt to show legislators how developing the Utica shale is creating jobs and bolstering the state's economy.

## TEXAS

Dallas' Inaction On Regs Driving Away Drillers. Law 360. XTO Energy Inc. shelved its plans to drill for natural gas in Dallas last week, saying the city's indecision on how to regulate urban drilling has made it impossible to move forward, and experts say continued rulemaking delays add to an already bleak picture for fracking in the city.

## WYOMING

Pavillion residents, gas operator need answers. Casper Star-Tribune, Editorial. No one in Pavillion is buying that waiting until September is positive, and neither do we. "There's no credible reason to extend this," said Doug Hock, Encana's public relations officer. "We feel it's a disservice to us, but more importantly to the people of Pavillion and the state of Wyoming." He's absolutely right.

Pavillion water study extended again; governor not pleased. Associated Press. Gov. Matt Mead has joined those expressing disappointment that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has extended for a third time a public comment period on a report on groundwater pollution in a Wyoming gas field.

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